

As a radio listener and cell phone user I strongly support the FCC's Migratory Bird Notice of Inquiry. I feel that it is imperative that we develop our national infrastructure in such a way that is of least impact to our natural environment. The communication industry currently sights towers in the most advantageous locations with no regard for the migratory fly ways of our nation. I am adamant about holding these corporations/companies etc. responsible for the manner in which their towers are sighted and erected such that they should be obligated to do so in a manner that is least threatening to avian species. The current practice of sighting towers is simply irresponsible. The FCC, as a federal entity, should be protecting the economic, safety and environmental interests of our nation.

I understand that corporate interests have raised concern that adequate science for avoiding tower related avian fatalities is inadequate. That is no excuse for failing to take prompt measures to avoid further avian fatalities; it's simply an avoidance of regulation tactic. Environmentally sound (i.e. avian safe) methods of erecting new and retrofitting existing towers should be decided upon by a colloquial gathering of both industrial and ornithological interests. This should be done by those intersected in working together and not by those working against one another. All conflicts must be mediated through compromise.